

TOWN OF HENLOPEN ACRES — November 2016 Newsletter

Dear Residents and Property Owners:

Henlopen Acres is exceptionally beautiful right now—the winds are crisp and the leaves are falling. Prevent yard debris from becoming a driving hazard or an irritation to your neighbors with a thorough fall clean up. And while on the subject of appearances, take a look at the Dodds Lane entrance to Town next time you are here—it has been updated with new landscaping.

Efforts to reduce the impact of flooding at the Marina along Tidewater will be greatly enhanced in the coming year by an \$18,000 grant secured by Senator Ernie Lopez for storm-water control. Thank you Senator Lopez!

With the holidays soon upon us, the Commissioners encourage you to remember the employees of Henlopen Acres with a contribution to the holiday fund. The Town employs a staff of 15 administration, security and maintenance personnel who work year-round to keep its properties, systems and character safe and intact. Checks may be made payable to Town of Henlopen Acres and designated for the Employee Holiday Fund.

My Family and I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Joyous and Safe Holiday Season.

Mayor David Lyons

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104 Tidewaters

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Board of Commissioners

Board Meeting (if needed)

Friday December 9, 2016

Quarterly Meeting

Friday January 13, 2017

Planning Commission

To be determined

Board of Adjustment

To be determined

Tree Committee

To be determined

TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

Friday November 11

Veteran's Day

Thurs and Fri Nov 24 & 25

Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday December 26

Christmas Holiday

Monday January 2, 2017

New Years Holiday

TREE COMMITTEE UPDATE

An article in Urban Forestry & Greening Magazine, "Trees Create Value for Urban Areas" refers to a California study on the benefits of trees. It calculated a benefit to the ecosystem of \$111 per tree. Considering Henlopen Acres has 800+ trees on town property, that's a value of \$90,000 not counting trees on private property. Also, every seven trees, remove the carbon equivalent of one car per year. Our town trees remove the carbon equivalent of 144 cars.

Our town Arborist has provided the following statistics on the town trees (trees on the town open space and easements):

62% are Evergreens and 38% are Deciduous

Species include: 31 % Loblolly Pine, 21% Oak, 9% Holly, and 6% Hickory

Through the generous donation of the Brown family at 20 Rolling Road, we will be transplanting 20 pines from their property to other locations within the town. A few residents have volunteered the area in front of their homes for a new tree, but we are still looking for more locations. All planting locations are selected for the successful survival of specific species.

We are hoping to plant 20 trees per year along with the pruning and removal of hazardous and diseased trees. In ten years we should have an increase in town trees of 25%.

Henlopen Acres would like to recognize all the veterans who so bravely served this country- especially our own Town employees:

Dick Kollar-Zoning Officer-*Marines*
 Lee Stewart-Security Supervisor-*Marines*
 Jan Bennett-Security Officer-*Marines*
 Mike Eisenhower-Security Officer-*Army*
 Paul Riggs-Security Officer-*Army*
 Charlie Streacker -Maintenance-*National Guard*

Our Deepest Sympathies to the Families of:

Charlene Kramer-11 Pine Reach-11/04/2016
 Ken Parkinson-67 Tidewaters-10/08/2016 (in Tubac, Arizona)

Town Hall Improvements

We will be replacing the walkway at Town Hall to make it more accessible to all-during construction you will be directed to use the rear entrance. The project is expected to be completed before Summer 2017.

Welcome to our new 2016 property owners:

5 Pine Reach
 Michael and Lisa McMasters
 Wyoming, DE

19 Tidewaters
 Peter Scher and Kimberly Tilley
 Chevy Chase, MD

15 Tidewaters
 Scott and Sherri Lanham
 Potomac, MD

Endangered Species

In conjunction with our Comprehensive Plan, the Town along with the Delaware Wildlife Action Plan have identified species that may be present in our town that are most in need of conservation action in order to sustain or restore their population.

Block W has been identified as a Key Wildlife Habitat. The simplest way to preserve this habitat is to stay on the existing walking paths and not disturb the plants and surrounding habitat.

In anticipation for upcoming winter weather, Delmarva Power has a great resource on how to prepare for a storm on their website.

Delmarva.com/storm

Bridle Paths

Bridle Paths should be free from obstructions that would impede the utility companies from quickly restoring service to the Town. This includes swing sets, lacrosse goals or any other man made structure that may block the use of the bridle paths.

Recent Amendment to the Town Code:

As recommended in our Comprehensive Plan, the Commissioners adopted an ordinance to improve air quality:

Chapter 116 Vehicles and Traffic; 116-7.1 Idling Time – Motor vehicles.

No person shall allow, or permit the engine of a motor vehicle to idle for more than five consecutive minutes if the vehicle is not in motion, except:

A vehicle at the vehicle operator's place of residence may idle for 20 consecutive minutes; or

A vehicle may idle for 20 consecutive minutes when the vehicle engine has been stopped for three or more hours; or

A vehicle stopped in a line of traffic; or

Vehicles whose power source is utilized for conditioning of cargo; or

Emergency vehicles in an emergency situation; or

Vehicles while engaged in the process of connection, detachment or exchange of trailers.

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Scientific Name
 Malaclemys terrapin terrapin
 Elaphe guttata
 Charadrius melodus
 Haematopus palliatus
 Arenaria interpres
 Calidris canutus
 Calidris alba
 Sterna hirundo
 Rynchops niger
 Chordeiles major
 Cicindela dorsalis media
 Cicindela lepida

Common Name
 Northern diamondback terrapin
 Corn snake
 piping plover
 American oystercatcher
 ruddy turnstone
 red knot
 sanderling
 common tern
 black skimmer
 common nighthawk
 white tiger beetle
 little white tiger beetle

Toys for Tots

We will be partnering with the Marine Corps League again this year for their annual Toys for Tots drive. The collection box will be at Town Hall from November 1st thru December 9th. NEW, UNWRAPPED toys can be dropped off Monday thru Friday from 9am-430pm. Please call Town Hall with any questions.

Fall is Here

Don't forget to winterize your outdoor showers! The Town loses thousands of gallons of water each year from preventable water leaks-Please be diligent.

Please remember it is the responsibility of each property owner to clean their lot of fallen leaves and debris. The Town will pick up leaves and small branches that are neatly separated and piled by the side of the road.

Call Town Hall with any questions

A BIG thank you to our Streets Department who did an amazing job cleaning up and landscaping the Dodds Lane entrance

Ordinance Spotlight- Chapter 47 Burning, Outdoor-§ 47-1 Outdoor burning prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to burn, cause to be burned or permit to be burned leaves, brush, trash or any other combustible matter out of doors within the corporate limits of the Town of Henlopen Acres; provided, however, that nothing contained in this chapter shall prohibit the use of outdoor fireplaces or other devices for the preparation of food.